GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ELECTORAL ROLLS – Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2020 as the qualifying date – Filling up of vacant posts and ban on transfers and postings of key Government officials connected with Revision of Rolls – Orders - Issued

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1979 **Dated: 05-09-2019**

Read the following:-

1) From the ECI Lr.No. 23/2019-ERS(Vol.III), dt.25.07.2019
2) From the ECI Lr.No. 23/2019-ERS(Vol.III), dt.31.07.2019
3) From the ECI Lr.No. 23/2019-ERS(Vol.III), dt.09.08.2019.
4) From the Sr. Dy. Election Commissioner D.O.No.434/1/LET/ECI/ FUNC/ ERD-ER/2019/875, dt.06.08.2019.

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The Election Commission of India has issued schedule for Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls with reference to 01.01.2020 as the qualifying date vide their letters first to third read above and the draft publication of the electoral rolls will be made on 15.10.2019 and the final publication will be made on the date between 01.01.2020 to 15.01.2020 as decided by the Commission.

2. The prime objective of the revision is to produce up to date and accurate photo electoral rolls. This exercise requires a massive effort on the part of the electoral authorities in the State and this cannot be completed without strengthening them with adequate staff. All vacant posts related to revision of rolls i.e., Electoral Registration Officers/Assistant Electoral Registration Officers / Supervisors / Booth Level Officers shall, therefore, be filled up immediately.

3. The existing provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 stipulates that any officer or staff employed in connection with the preparation, revision and correction of the Electoral Rolls shall be deemed to be on deputation to the Election Commission for the period during which they are so employed and such officer and staff shall, during that period, be subject to the control, superintendence and discipline of the Election Commission. Any transfer of key officials during the period of revision will adversely affect the work and the quality of revision process. The entire revision process has to be done in a prefixed time schedule. The gigantic work involves meticulous planning, professional management, close supervision as well as monitoring and discussion with stake holders including political parties, RWAs/NGOs etc. It is, therefore, necessary that during the aforesaid period, the transfer of any officer engaged in this exercise should be avoided.

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4. The ECI in the letter fourth read above, has requested to ensure that all existing vacancies of posts related to electoral rolls work like AEROs, EROs and DEOs, if any, should be filled up immediately and directed that no officials connected with the exercise of revision of electoral rolls like the DEOs, the Dy.DEOs, the EROs, the AEROs, Supervisors and BLOs should be transferred from their places of posting without the prior concurrence of the Election Commission during the period of Special Summary Revision in the State.

5. In view of the above, it is necessary that key officials connected with the exercise of preparation of Photo Electoral Rolls like District Election Officers [all Collectors], Joint Collectors (Joint Collectors), the Electoral Registration Officers (Sub-Collectors/Revenue Divisional Officers/ Deputy Collectors/ Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (all Tahsildars/ Municipal Commissioners), Supervisors and Booth Level Officers should not be disturbed from their places of posting without prior concurrence of the Election Commission from 15.10.2019 i.e., date of draft publication to 15.01.2020 (final publication will be made on the date between 01.01.2020 to 15.01.2020 as decided by the Commission).

6. The District Revenue Officers at district level are playing key role in preparation of electoral roll and supervising the preparation of rolls and conducting meetings with the field level authorities. They also act as Coordinating Officers for attending to preparation of photo electoral rolls and issue of EPICs.

7. Further, in order to strengthen the functioning of the Electoral Registration Authorities, it is necessary to fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the categories mentioned in paras 4 & 5 above connected with the preparation of photo electoral rolls.

8. No officer/officials should be associated with the work relating to or connected with, revision of electoral rolls (i) against whom the Commission has recommended any disciplinary action and the same is pending, or (ii) to whom major penalty has been given as a result of said disciplinary proceeding, or (ii) against whom a serious criminal case is pending in any court of law, or (iv) who was transferred out during any previous revision of rolls or conduct of elections for inefficiency or willfully violating the ECI directions.

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby order that all officials connected with the preparation of electoral rolls of Assembly Constituencies i.e. all District Election Officers viz., all District Collectors, Deputy District Election Officers (Joint Collectors),Electoral Registration Officers (all Sub-Collectors /Revenue Divisional Officers/ Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners/Addl.Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars/Municipal Commissioners), Supervisors, VROs/VRAs, Panchayat Secretaries and other officials appointed as Booth Level Officers and District Revenue Officers (Coordinating Officers), should not be disturbed from their place of posting without prior concurrence of the Election Commission of India from 15.10.2019 to 15.01.2020.

10. If it becomes absolutely essential to transfer any officer like EROs/DROs/Dy.DEOs/DEOs etc, a reference giving full justification should be made by State Government in consultation with and through the State CEO for consideration of the Commission. The transfer of AEROs and below level officers/officials including BLOs can be decided by the CEO at his level. This applies to filling up the vacant posts of these categories also . The CEO shall also invariably be consulted while posting substitute officer. The CEO should consult the Commission , where felt necessary .

11. The authorities noted in the address entry (General Administration, Revenue, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj Departments) shall fill up all the vacant posts, if any, of the officials who are acting as District Election Officers (Collectors), Deputy District Election Officers (Joint Collectors), Electoral Registration Officers (Sub-Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers / Deputy Collectors / Joint Collectors-II / Municipal Commissioners / Addl. Municipal Commissioners of certain Municipal Corporations), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (Tahsildars / Municipal Commissioners) immediately and furnish a certificate that all posts of officers related to the work of roll revision are filled up and that no such post is left vacant by 30.09.2019.

12. The Collectors & District Election Officers shall take further necessary action in the matter on top priority in consultation with the administrative departments concerned and ensure that all vacant posts of key election officers are filled up before the draft publication and report any unfilled vacancies by 01.10.2019.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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